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At this point perhaps it may be opportune to present a brief history of the Victorian U.F.O. Research Society.

The earliest U.F.O. group to form in Australia was the "Australian Flying Saucer Bureau" under the direction of Edgar Jarrold and Andrew Tomas, in the early 1950s. At the same time, Fred Stone inaugurated the "Australian Flying Saucer Research Society" in Adelaide. After approximately two years the Bureau closed down and was regarded as a branch of the "Australian Flying Saucer Research Society" under Andrew Tomas. This shortly broke from Adelaide and became the "Australian U.F.O. Investigation Centre" with Dr. Clifford at its head until 1958, when the Presidency passed to Dr. Lindtner.

The "Australian Flying Saucer Research Society (Victorian Branch)" was formed on the 17th February, 1957 as a branch of the "Australian Flying Saucer Research Society" and later that year was re-organised as the "Victorian Flying Saucer Research Society" with Mr. Peter E. Norris L.L.B. as President. In 1968 the name was again altered — this time to the "Victorian U.F.O. Research Society".

During this time, the Society has published various papers and is probably best known for its publication Australian Flying Saucer Review, curtailed in 1972 due to high costs and subsequently superseded by the Australian U.F.O. Bulletin and at one stage sponsored and produced a quarter-hour program on a Melbourne radio station under the heading of "The Truth Behind Flying Saucers".

The Society had held a dispassionate attitude on U.F.O.s, claiming it is a scientific problem deserving closer attention. It has also met regularly in General Meetings and maintains the largest U.F.O. library in the Southern Hemisphere, making books available by post, to members throughout the Commonwealth.

Membership of this Society — which maintains the largest membership of any U.F.O. organisation in the Southern Hemisphere — is open to all who are genuinely interested in the subject.

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The World UFO Research Community is familiar with the experience of the Rev. Gill and his 38 witnesses, who in 1959, observed over New Guinea, an Unidentified Flying Object with humanoids aboard. There are hundreds of such cases, but until recently, most people were not aware of a secret document which, years before, revealed that the U.S. Government has in its possession, reports of crashed UFOs with humanoids. After repeated denials of such reports; thanks to researchers securing such documents through the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), more and more previously secret information is being revealed.

One such office memorandum, from United States Government files, dated March 22, 1950, was addressed to the Director of the F.B.I.

'An investigator for the Air Forces stated that three so-called Flying saucers had been recovered in New Mexico. They were described as being circular in shape with raised centers, approximately 50 feet in diameter. Each one was occupied by three bodies of human shape but only 3 feet tall, dressed in metallic cloth of a very fine texture. Each body was bandaged in a manner similar to the black-out suits used by speed flyers and test pilots.'

'According to Mr. . . . informant, the saucers were found in New Mexico due to the fact that the Government has a very high-powered radar set-up in that area and it is believed the radar interferes with the controlling mechanism of the saucers.'

NOTE:

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Included is a draft paper by Dr. Bruce Maccabee reviewing UFO history in the light of new information gleaned from these recently released Government documents.

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THE C.E. III PROBLEM

Perhaps the strangest and certainly the most emotive facet of the UFO enigma is the C.E. III encounter. When a human being or beings claim to have had contact with alien beings operating alien machines, then the blood pressure rises alarmingly among skeptics, the scientific community and "serious" UFO researchers alike. It is, unfortunately, to be expected that skeptics and "professional" UFO debunkers should jump up and down pouring scorn and vitriolic hyperbole on the alleged witness to close contact activity. But when men and women of science and "serious scientific researchers" heap condemnation on the witness it is time to suggest to the latter that they look to the witness's statements before judging.

Ignoring the skeptics and "professional debunkers" whose knowledge of the subject matter is either non-existent or twisted for personal or personality reasons, one would expect more objective, analytical assistance from the scientific community as a whole by virtue of scientific curiosity alone.

UFO's are constantly ignoring scientific protestations of their non-existence and are continually returning, from wherever they come from, to the earth we know and think we understand. Considering the wealth of information available, some from many of their own colleagues, some from persons with A1 reliability ratings, and some from their own scientifically made and tested equipment, then it would be thought that objective, scientific investigation could enhance man's knowledge of himself, his world, and the universe he lives in.

With the "serious, scientific UFO researcher" we have another problem. They will, and do, accept that the UFO phenomenon is real, they accept that, at least, portion of the UFO reported activity appears to represent intelligent control; manufactured craft with weight (landing traces) and in general that UFO's are here "doing something" and yet the thought of alien beings operating these machines seems to be untenable to them. Why? In this article I do not intend to try to answer this question but bring to readers' attention a new C.E. III case. This alleged contact took place in South Australia in January 1974 and is quite detailed. This story is not really mine to tell but if I don't tell it it will remain, like many others, gathering dust in filing cabinets. How much closer could we be in our attempt to understand what the UFO phenomenon means to man if less secrecy and more openness existed between people, and UFO clubs.

When I tell this story there is no more. I do not know the witness; I possess a tape of the story and was the Sightings Investigation Officer for a South Australian UFO club at the time but I was not made aware of the case until much later.

Secrecy, what does it prove? Nothing, except to the holder of the secret. UFO's are world wide; secrecy has no place in this field, so for what it is worth I will tell the story. Australia is very short on C.E. III cases and I was reluctant to put this one to paper in a magazine representative of a club that has such "top" status among UFO organizations all over the world. However on advice from Paul Norman of V.U.F.O.R.S. who has a copy of the tape, played it before experts in the United States and received information from them that there are definite similarities between this case and others that have been rigorously and scientifically investigated....

Here then is the Clifton Bore Episode -

By Kevin McNeil.

THE CLIFTON BORE INCIDENT

I will call the witness Ben. This is not his real first name but will suffice. All other situations are correct, all place names are real.....

At the time of the incident Ben was approximately 38 yrs of age, and slightly over six feet in height. Due to an illness he was at this time (January 1974) on a pension due to this aforementioned illness. A married man he had five children. Being unable to undertake normal work he took up a previous hobby with more vigour and became a qualified ornithologist. His expertise in this field (the study of birds) brought him into contact with the Adelaide Museum. Ben lived in Adelaide, South Australia, at the time and undertook many expeditions into the north of Sth Australia and the Northern Territory for the Museum. He also taught himself to recognise prehistoric fossils and was always on the search for these for the museum also. He had also written books on his bird studies and used to give slide illustrated talks and lectures to South Australian schools. (For readers overseas, the northern portion of Sth Aust. (indeed 80% of the state) is a vast desert region, this applies also to the southern part of the Northern Territory. It is, indeed, Australia's Dead Heart. You can literally be hundreds of kilometers from your nearest neighbour in this vast area of hundreds of thousands of square miles.)

The first incident took place in October, 1972... Ben, his 12 year old son, and a male friend were travelling back from an expedition and were some 340km north of Broken Hill. It was dark and they were travelling in Ben's station wagon. All three were in the front seat. Suddenly they saw a large, brilliantly green light some 200 ft in front of their car. The light was elongated and covered three quarters of their windscreen. It disappeared behind a hill. They were all frightened and did not investigate further but left the area in a hurry. They spoke to few people about this as they were afraid of ridicule. However, it is the second incident that, if true, presents our "visitors" in a different, somehow more sinister light than vague lights in the sky.

It was early January, 1974, when Ben and a woman companion who accompanied him on some of his trips were approx. 400 km north of Broken Hill, but in Sth Australia, at a place called Clifton Bore; Clifton Bore is in Sturts Stony Desert, near the borders of the Nthn Territory, Queensland, N.S.W., but in Sth Australia. It is harsh desert country, gibber desert, with flat gibber stones, about the size of plates and undulating sand dunes about 4 to 7 metres in height. Also there is a fossil seekers paradise where fossils and bones from Australia's prehistoric past are just "laying around". It was the fossils that brought Ben and his companion to the area.

It was about 1.30 pm on the day in question and Ben and his companion were searching for fossils. Ben's female companion was searching near the car - she was not used to the area and Ben had told her to keep the car (the stationwagon) in sight whilst he, with a vaster knowledge of the area searched further afield. He believed he may have been about 2 km from the car when he became aware of being watched. To say he was amazed, frightened and bewildered at what happened next would be an understatement, so I will state what happened without the dramatic bits.

Ben was approached by two beings of about 1 metre in height; he was very specific about the following details, being questioned on the tape several times.

These beings were humanoid, indeed human looking in many respects. They appeared to be males with short, average cut, hair styles. They were dressed in a skin tight, silvery covering, not unlike a skin-diver's suit. The clothing appeared to be seamless. Their faces were normal, the colouring like a very light suntan; their heads however, were elongated at the rear giving a bee hive type of appearance. Their arms were considerably shorter than a comparable human's. Whereas a man's arms reach almost to his knees when hanging, these being's arms covered only half the comparable distance. They spoke in a rapid unintelligible way. Ben referred to it as if he were listening to a speeded up version of Italian or Greek without understanding either language. As stated before Ben was petrified but did not try to show it; he said he did not feel threatened by them, they had nothing that could be construed as weapons. They beckoned him to come with them with "come to me" arm movements. He was afraid to go with them but more afraid not to.

He followed them to a silver-coloured object some fifty feet away. Ben was unable to explain why he had not seen it before, but was adamant that he had not done so. The object was shaped like a "hot dog" roll with no visible seams, doors, windows or projections of any kind. Based on the size of his stationwagon (about 5 metres) he said this object would have been about 7.5 metres long and about 1.4 metres high (about 25 ft long by 4 ft high). From the seamless centre of this object a doorway opened. The aliens beckoned Ben to enter and this presented the frightened man with a seemingly insurmountable problem.

Ben is slightly over 1.8 metres (6 ft) tall, .. the object was 1.4 metres. He could see over the top of it. Bending down and stepping inside he found to his amazement that the interior was enormous. In Ben's own words he states "you could have fitted a full-sized battleship inside. How can this happen. It was 25 ft long and 4 ft high, I know that, I could see over the top, but inside it was enormous, with 3 ft over my head, how?" end of quote. He was certain that he did not step down. If this story is genuine then we may have to totally reorganize our scientific concepts. He did not see a dome and to him he says again, "Inside, space meant nothing".

He saw 20 or so similar beings inside the craft, at least 4 of whom were female. They were also all dressed similarly to the two aliens accompanying him. The females differed to the males in obvious ways, longer hair and breast shapes. An interesting comment was made by Ben that they all seemed to be about the same age; he said it was as if they grew to about 1 metre tall, about 25 yrs of age and then stopped growing and ageing. Their features, human like ours, were without ageing lines.

Ben was offered a drink from a tumbler of silvery metal; he was afraid to drink, but more afraid not to as he did not know what would happen to him if he annoyed the aliens. After drinking from the tumbler he passed out. When asked later to describe the taste of the liquid in the tumbler he was unable to relate it to any taste he was acquainted with. He did not remember if it was bitter or sweet. This is understandable from two points of view. Fear, of course, dries the mouth and restricts taste and it is not remembered by him how long it was between the drinking and his unconscious. When he came to he was laying on the floor of the craft.

The two aliens were still with him and somehow he felt he had been rejected somehow. He was too old or perhaps his illness had caused him to be rejected. The aliens, both his companions and the others in the craft were continually talking among themselves unintelligibly but he felt that telepathically he "knew" what was happening. He felt no hostility directed at him and apart from his

two "guardians" the other crew members paid him no attention. These crew members were walking around, talking among themselves, switching on and off switches. There were numerous TV screens, 7 or 8 in number. They were showing interior and exterior scenes, and one was showing what appeared to be motors of some kind although he could not see them physically himself. There was also a large mirror like screen on the wall with dots, catherine wheel shaped images (galaxies?) and strange images and symbols he could not understand.

He was able to walk around the craft (with his guards) and look around. He was still afraid, but of the strangeness rather than any physical danger to himself. The floor surface was a shiny metallic substance but was not hard to walk on, it was also not at all slippery. The atmosphere inside was normal. Neither he, nor the aliens needed any breathing apparatus. All this pertinent information was "probed" out of him by the very experienced UFO investigator conducting the taped interview.

Suddenly Ben was shocked and afraid at what he saw next. He saw two human female children, two girls, one was 12 or 13 years old, the other was 8 or 9 years old. They were both in a cage like structure, like as Ben said, animals. Ben, the father of 5 children, became very emotional on the tape at this point. He was unable to describe the "cage" properly and became quite upset. He stated that it was neat and that the two girls seemed to be in some type of trance. They did not appear to comprehend what was going on around them. They had plenty of room in this "cage" but were not moving, just standing there. Ben did not know if they could see him or not, they showed no sign. They were European (that is - white) and were dressed normally. The aliens, walking around, doing their chores aboard the craft paid absolutely no attention to the girls. Ben felt that they were going to take the children back with them (wherever that is). He, Ben, however felt he was no good to them. He had been rejected.

He did not know how but he felt that they (the aliens) could almost instantly get from one place to the next. He said they could do this by thought. Although he did not seem to know what he meant by this. As he was walking around he was conscious of a buzzing noise, like dim motors. He could not however see any motors. The opened doorway suddenly was before him and he thought to himself "well it's now or what"; he stepped out of the craft and was instantly on the desert floor. He just walked away, no attempt was made to stop him.

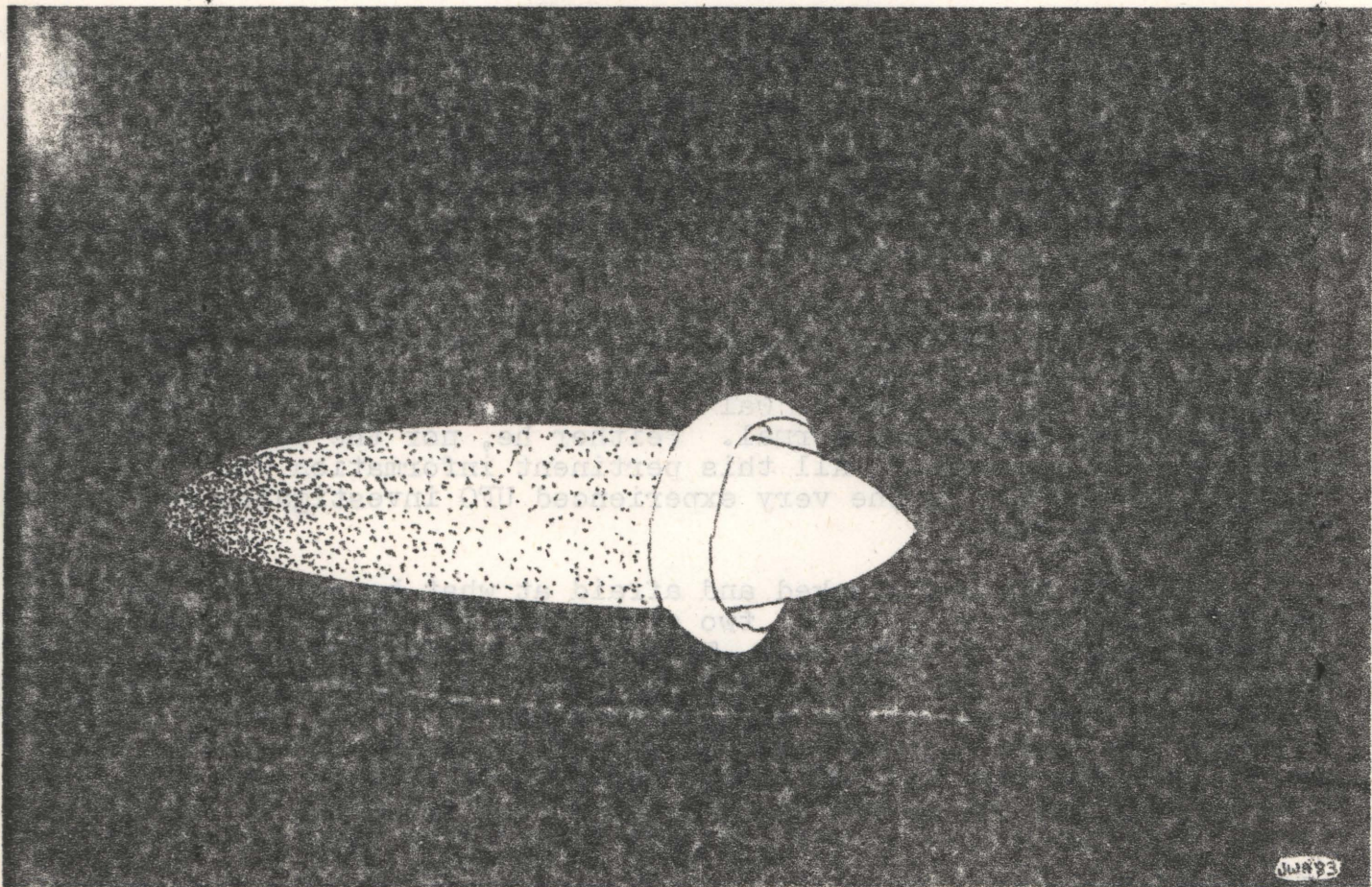
He got back to his car and his companion and discovered that 1½ hours had passed since he commenced fossicking. He wrote down what happened to him within one hour of returning. During his interview he was constantly referring to these notes. He was mostly disturbed about the children.

Did this happen? I believe it is possible that it did due to the emotion and detail supplied by Ben. As I stated before, no more can be done about this incident. I do not know the man's full name or where he is now living. Did it happen, could it have happened? I do not know for sure, no one ever will unless it happens again. And we will only know that if this report is noted throughout Australia and overseas.

KEVIN McNEIL

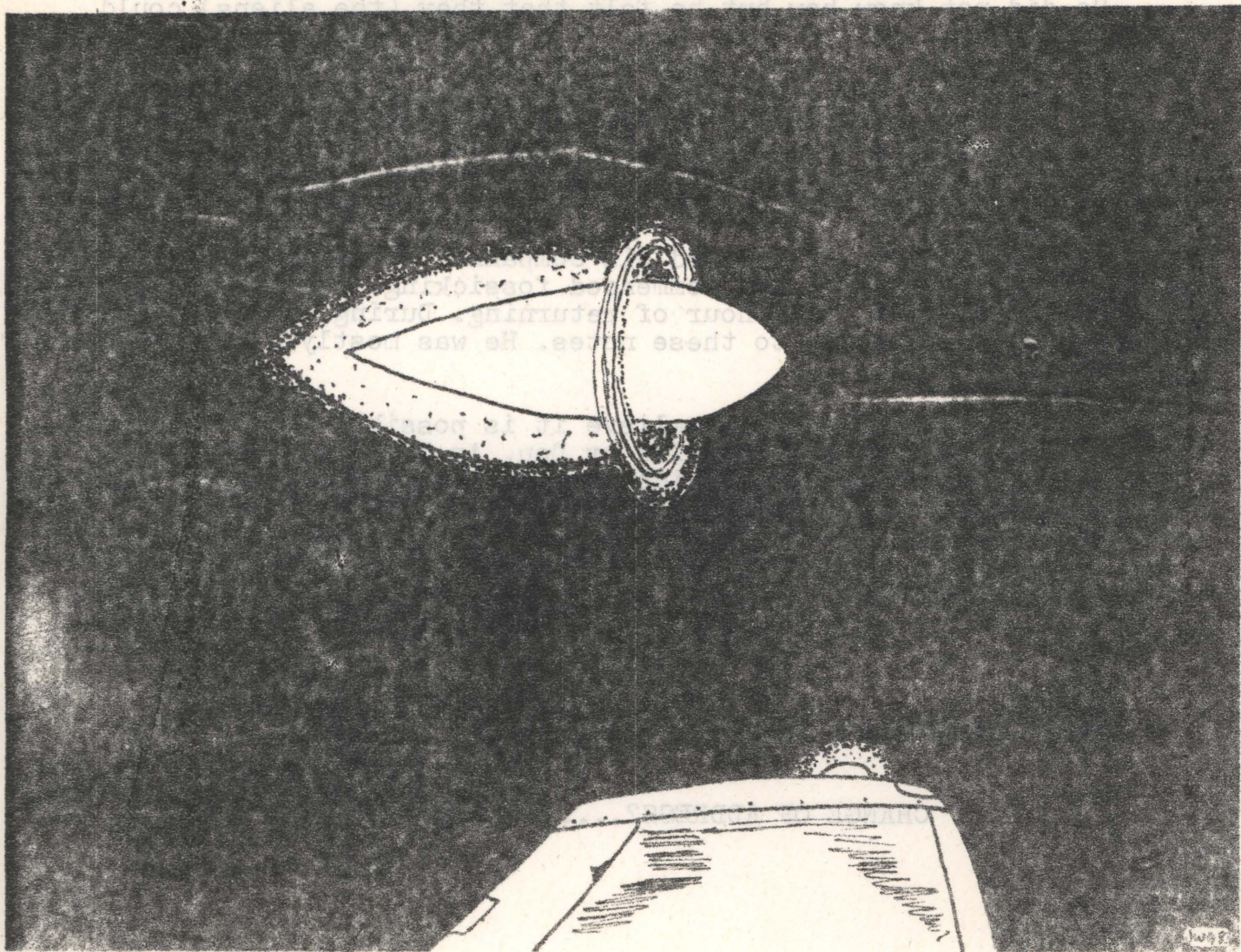
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△ 9th JANUARY 1980 HAWTHORN VICTORIA AUSTRALIA.

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WHAT I: THE PROBABILITY OF THIS HAPPENING

by JOHN AUCHETTL

9TH JANUARY, 1980 - HAWTHORN, VICTORIA, AUSTRALIA

- Seen at 11.45 pm for a duration of 5 minutes on a cool to warm starlit night. The UFO was cylindrical in shape, of approximate length 50 feet, with dark rear body. The mid section was rounded and was the only shining or glowing part of the UFO. There was no sound as the object rose up into the sky, sped off and disappeared. Nine pictures were said to have been taken, only one in focus but V.U.F.O.R.S. was unable to see them.

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5TH NOVEMBER, 1980 - LAKE BERRYESSA, CALIFORNIA, U.S.A.

- = Seen at 9.30 pm. F.S.T. for a duration of 15-20 sec. This UFO moved past the pilot of a light aircraft as he flew his aircraft in a south direction from Chico, Calif. at a height of about 8,000 ft. The object was an elongated tear-drop shaped, orange, glowing, smooth, streamlined and bullet nosed UFO. The nose was glowing and pulsing a vivid orange. A spinning ring of red, blue and white light was around the forward part of the body. The object increased in colour and brightness then shot forward to about 3 miles ahead of the aircraft, where it then turned in a vertical right angle direction and shot straight upwards at high speed and disappeared from sight in about 5 sec.

This object was seen again on the 8th August, 1981.

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(V.U.F.O.R.S. apologises for the poor quality of pictures on page 6. The stencil was of very light weight and creased easily. The 'foreign' lines should be disregarded, they are creases in the stencil.)

ON THE UFO TRAIL.. BY PAUL NORMAN.

The period from 26th March to 4th September 1983 seemed to be a short time on the UFO Trail, beginning with meetings in America and consummating with the Third International Congress, near London, hosted by the British UFO Research Association (BUFORA).

The days during those months produced interesting highlights such as the lecture by Dr. Bruce Maccabee at the North Carolina Conference in June when he gave an update on the government's secret documents and official coverup policy. Dr. Willy Smith who had recently returned from South America presented an interesting summary on UFO activity in countries on that continent.

There were visits and discussions with other groups and individuals with views covering aspects of the UFO phenomenon from "wayout" opinions, to those individuals who were subjective; to the negative view, covering the full range of the spectrum, as it were.

On 27th August, after a warm welcome to delegates and visitors to the International Congress, by BUFORA's Chairman, Robert Digby, Dr. J. Allen Hynek gave his overview on the UFO situation. After the lunch break Dr. Harley Rutledge, Professor of Southeast Missouri State University, spoke of his project 'Identification' followed by Per Andersen of Denmark. His subject was "Danish Scientists and the UFO Phenomenon".

At 1700 hr after the tea break, Peter Warrington talked on "An Evaluation of the Evidence for UFO Events from Radar Observations".

After the Congress Dinner, Harry Harris, a solicitor from Cheshire, provided a video presentation "Hypnotic Regression of UFO Witnesses".

Sunday morning, 28th August, Jenny Randles, trained to teach geology but gave up her career in 1978 to become a full-time writer specialising in UFO's, presented her paper entitled "Opening Up the Windows" in which she gave examples of cases reported in areas where UFO events manifest themselves in unusual proportions.

The morning session included an interesting film, shown by Mr. Peter Day. The object shown in the film has not as yet been computerised but is a most interesting candidate for analysis.

After the lunch break, Stanton Friedman, a nuclear physicist with 12 years of full-time UFO research and who has lectured in all states and provinces of Canada, spearheaded a frontal assault on "Noisy Negative Advocates" within the world-wide UFO

Research Community, with revelations probably never before heard by most of his listeners. His lecture covered revealing examples of the desperate attempt by officials to coverup UFO data.

With the audience in a "state of cultural shock", it was an easy opening for me, as the representative of VUFORS to follow up with the Bass Strait Flap of 1978, ending with the disappearance of Pilot Frederick Valentich, the greatest mystery in Australian aviation history.

Between 1745-1900 hrs Bertil Kuhlemann, from Sweden, discussed "Measurables and Non-Measureables in UFO Research".

The evening dinner at Lane End Conference was followed with interesting discussions between delegates.

On Monday, 29th August, the conference resumed with a speech by Ali Abutaha, of Washington, D.C. titled "The Cosmic Life Line". Mr. Abutaha is a senior consultant in Communication Satellite systems. It was during a UFO initiated electrical and communications blackout that occurred in the Middle East, while he was there on business, that Ali became interested in UFO's and the possibility of extra-terrestrial life.

From 1430 to 1630 hrs Paul Devereux, Editor of "The Ley Hunter" Earth Mysteries magazine since 1976, spoke about his theories on "Earthlights". The strength of his opinions could not be tested because of the author's reluctance to allow questions.

A very interesting highlight of the Congress was the presentation from groups from Norway and Sweden on Project Hessdalen. Hessdalen is a valley in Norway which has been seeing some UFO activity in the past twenty months. An estimated 4000 people have seen strange things in the sky and to date more than 600 photographs have been taken.

Several of the photos shown were lights which were identical to those lights photographed by Betty Hill over several years of almost constantly sky-watching and those observed by Dr. Harley Rutledge, author of the book "Project Identification".

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THE CHASE

THE MELTON POLICE ENCOUNTER

- by John Auchettl

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INTRODUCTION

This incredible encounter started with the Victorian UFO Research Society on the afternoon of the 21st July, 1983, when a woman called our society to say that she had seen a U.F.O., near her Melton home and she wanted to tell us about it. This call was taken at our office and she was asked to contact us again within the next hour or so, at which time an investigator would be in to talk to her.

However, she never called back and unbeknown to us the events of the Melton Police Station staff were still to happen, on the morning of the 22nd July, 1983, ten hours after that woman's call.

The Melton encounter came to the world of the press on the morning of the 22nd of July and a barrage of T.V. and radioreports broke the story at about 12.30 pm. that day.

My first impressions were similar to the press and the authorities. The sighting seemed to be of a hang-glider, aircraft or syrocopter nature, and little detail of the encounter had been related to the press.

The 6.30 pm. news on channel 7 that night was much more descriptive and an indication that this was not a normal aircraft became apparent, from the graphic description given by Constables Raymond Ellens and Peter Ferguson. The account by chief inspector of police, Melton and his drawings of the object were so impressive and unusual, that by 11.00 am. next day, Saturday 23rd July, 1983, I felt an investigation should be started and the wheels for it were set in motion.

Although this is a summary of the encounter, as the investigation is still in progress, a list of unusual factors has emerged which create questions and conclusions that make this encounter very impressive.

THE ENCOUNTER

On 21st July, 1983, Sergeant Barry Harman, Constable Peter Ferguson and Constable Raymond Ellens commenced nightshift duties at the Melton Police Station, at 2300 hours. (11.00 pm.).

Patrol duties and nightshift work proceeded as normal and before long, midnight saw the day of the 22nd July, 1983, arrive as normal and uneventful.

The night was clear and the moon was at about 3/4, giving good visibility. There was no wind until about 3.00 am. when it became a north-westerly of moderate strength. The temperature was 3°C.

First Encounter

Constables Raymond Ellens and Peter Ferguson were on mobile patrol duty in the Melton Police divisional van, when, at 12.40 am., in the direction of Melton, they observed a light in the sky, which appeared to be stationary over the Melton town centre.

On arrival at Melton, the constables drove to the location of the Melton regional shopping complex and at a height of approximately 200 feet, an object of about 20 feet in length, with two very large lights, was seen to hover over the spot.

The two constables got out of their van and attempted to shine a spotlight onto the object. They observed what they felt was a tail section of tubular framework construction, with a fin at the rear.

The object had two bright white lights at the front and a single red light at the rear. It made a low pitched humming sound, nothing like a helicopter or aircraft engine.

Within seconds the object moved off and evaded the spot light beam, thus, only the tubular framework was seen in any detail.

THE CHASE

The two constables then contacted their duty sergeant by radio again, to report that the object had moved off towards Fogerty Airfield.

Sergeant Barry Harman then contacted the air traffic control tower and informed them of the location. He was advised that they had observed something on radar in the vicinity of Melton, but it had vanished from radar contact by then.

The Police Airwing then contacted Melton Police Station and stated that they were unable to assist in the search.

The two constables observed the object gain height to approximately 500 feet and travel over the Melton township towards the north, where they lost sight of the object and its lights.

Soon after, Constables Ellens and Ferguson, travelling in a northerly direction, again viewed the lights, moving in a westerly direction, in the area of Fogarty field.

They drove to the area and started a foot search of the airfield and hangars. Not long after this search started, the lights re-appeared in the south-east, at ground level. On reaching this area the object had commenced to move away, in a wide arc around the horizon.

The duty officer that night, Inspector McGill, rendezvoused with the Melton van at 1.20 am., where the three men observed the object make similar arcs and then return to a position approximately one to two kilometres east of their position. The object's flight path seemed to be along the Western Highway.

At 2.40 am. the object was again sighted on the ground, in the Toolern Vale area; another search was started by foot and by divisional van, but nothing was found or seen.

At 3.00 am. Sergeant Harman requested the van crew to return to the police station for a meal and de-briefings. At that rest period a Melton Security patrol man was met at the police station and he also reported the object.

At 4.30 am. another patrol commenced along the Western Highway, towards Bacchus Marsh. As they approached the regional shopping centre, they sighted the object again, hovering at about 200 feet over the centre.

Second Encounter

Another attempt to put the spot light on the object failed and it commenced to fly off in a south-easterly direction.

This time the object seemed to have more lights than when first sighted. The van crew followed the object as it made an arc to the north, over the Rockbank area. When it reached a northern point it started to descend, until it was travelling close to the ground, where it disappeared behind a small rise.

Another search was started around the paddocks, with the spot light on the divisional van, as they moved down the main road. Suddenly, the object was re-sighted in front of the van, where it commenced to travel west for a short distance after which it turned east.

Throughout this time, Sergeant Harman remained in contact with Melbourne radar unit as a radar search was started.

The Melton van crew then rendezvoused with another police station unit van along the highway, where they stopped and talked about the U.F.O.

At about 5.00 am. both van crews sighted the object to the east of their position. The U.F.O. then travelled towards the two divisional vans. It was at that point that the constables felt that the U.F.O. would collide with the "Australian Army Rockbank Receiving Station's antennas", but before collision, it reversed and then made an arc again to the north and flew from sight.

At 5.30 am. the Melton patrol van moved off up a road in the area and at 5.45 am. they turned west onto the Western Highway. Again the light was seen over the Melton township and the constables contacted the police station by radio to advise them of its location.

Chief Inspector Hickman had just commenced morning shift, and both he and Sergeant Harman ran onto the roadway, in front of Melton Police Station to view the object. Both immediately saw the two large white, round lights, at a very low altitude of 100 - 150 metres, over the Melton Ambulance Station, 3/4 of a kilometre away.

Third Encounter

The U.F.O then moved off towards the police station and 200 metres south of the chief inspector and the sergeant. The object's shape was similar to an inflatable life raft, 12 metres in length with rounded sides and a shallow body of about 2 metres in depth. A red flashing light was in the centre of the underpart of the body. There were no wings or tail, nor was there any sound similar to an aircraft or helicopter. The only sound was that of a very quiet wind noise or low pitched humming sound. The top of the U.F.O. was not seen as it passed by and moved off in an easterly direction, towards Rockbank.

Chief Inspector Hickman notified Melbourne Police Headquarters, then spoke to Air Traffic Control.

Constables Ferguson and Ellens observed the U.F.O. move toward their position and eventually pass over them at 5.45 am. They shone their spotlight onto its underside and to their amazement, observed it to be grey in colour, looking similar to a rubber raft, and unlike the framework structure seen by them at 12.40 am. that night.

The End

The U.F.O. proceeded in an easterly direction and then made an arc and disappeared beyond the horizon, towards the north-east.

At 6.10 am. it was becoming light and the object (U.F.O.) was not sighted again.

UNUSUAL FACTOR AND QUESTIONS

Fact:

1. We now have 14 eye witnesses, plus 4 witnesses who had seen the object as early as June
2. Of the witnesses we now have:
 - 5 Constables, Victorian Police
 - 1 Chief Inspector, " "
 - 1 Inspector, " "
 - 1 Security Guard
 - 1 retired Policeman
3. The Police investigated the sighting and can not find or draw any conclusions
4. The Department of Aviation are now investigating the encounter and to date, have not located any such aircraft
5. The Australian Army has also started their own investigations
6. We have a radar contact by A.T.C. and, although first not indicated, a visual sighting by the control tower was made
7. Two objects were said to have been seen that night, without wings, able to hover and fly backwards, producing a low-pitched humming noise, looking like a life-raft, grey in colour, carrying large lights and, most important, it did not look like any known air craft, as indicated by all who saw it, and one of the constables is a pilot

Why:

1. fly for so long, 6 hours
2. fly in such cold conditions, 3°C
3. fly at that time of night, 12.30 am. - 5.45 am.
4. fly in such a small area
5. fly so close to controlled air space
6. risk flying at night
7. break so many air navigation regulations and risk pilot's licence
8. if out on a joy ride, why fly around with so many lights on
9. why hover over a shopping centre
10. why did radar not locate the object when it reached an altitude of 500 feet
11. why has this not happened before

CONCLUSION

With so many 'whys' to answer, and talking to those who witnessed the U.F.O that night, it is obvious that this is one of the best encounters of a U.F.O. since 1978 and with further research it should become deeper and more intricate.

BOOK REVIEW

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"INSIGHTS INTO PREHISTORY"

by Michael Baran

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In the words of Michael Baran. What was the secret force harnessed by the ancient civilization of Atlantis? In this sequel to his book "Atlantis Reconsidered", Michael Baran refines and expands upon the startling new theories in his earlier book.

Baran believes that the people of Atlantis and Lemuria learned to tap the fantastic force of earth core gravitational energy - the same energy that brought about the destruction of these civilizations in two enormous cataclysms.

The earth core gravitational energy utilized by these civilizations not only was the key to their amazing technological accomplishments but also to the secret of longevity. Various Indian legends indicate that when man emerged from the nether world the secret was lost and man had to undergo the aging process.

Baran does not suggest, however, that we should seek to enter the world of the UFO-naut. His orientation is historical and he tries to learn the secret of such unexplained phenomena as the Bermuda Triangle.

Similarities found in such diverse sources as Homer's Odyssey and the Pueblo Indian legends and the artifactual evidence from such widespread places as India and Central America, are used.

Michael Baran was born in Boston, Massachusetts and received his Undergraduate and Graduate Degrees at Boston University in the 1960's. Dr. Baran has a broad background in both the biological and physical sciences. His books are available from Exposition Press, 325 Rabro Drive, Smithtown, N.Y. \$7.00 U.S.

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TOP SECRET

AIR FORCE REVEALS: UFOs HAVE LANDED!

We recovered bodies of 9 aliens, say government documents

UFO COVER-UP IS OVER...

The Air Force has revealed that the bodies of nine space aliens were recovered from the wreckage of three flying saucers that crashed in New Mexico — more than 20 years ago!

The shocking disclosure of a widespread government cover-up came to light with the recent declassification of top-secret reports on UFO activity in America.

The documents — especially those dealing with the three downed spaceships — pose damning evidence that the FBI, CIA, National Security Agency, as well as the Air Force, went to great pains to keep the truth about UFO activity from the American people!

The documents are among those obtained by the persistent prodding of the highly respected Fund for UFO Research in Mount Rainier, Md.

They detail a number of unusual events in the Southwest, but one of the most astonishing is the one revealed in a 1950 FBI document.

It declares that Air Force investigators assigned to the "Project Blue Book" UFO probe reported that three so-called flying saucers had been recovered in New Mexico. The

Once top-secret documents reveal space aliens have landed in America!

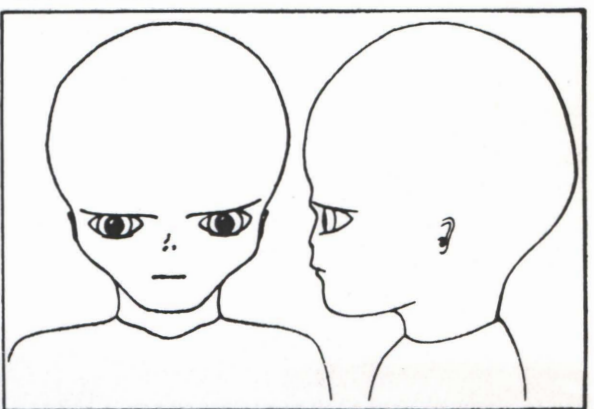
spaceships were circular in shape, 500 feet in diameter and with raised centers — the exact configuration described in many of the hundreds of UFO reports received by private investigation agencies each year.

"Each was occupied by three bodies of human shape but

only three feet tall, dressed in metallic cloth of a very fine texture," the document said.

"Each body was bandaged in a manner similar to the black-out suits worn by speed fliers and test pilots."

And the documents speculate that the saucer-shaped spacecraft had crashed be-



The bodies of nine space creatures, similar to this artist's conception, were found in the crash of three UFOs, reports say.

cause of high-powered government radar that probably interfered with the "controlling mechanism of the saucers."

Officially, the Air Force closed the cover on Project Blue Book in 1969, after investigating 12,618 reported UFO sightings dating back to 1947.

Air Force spokesman Lt. George Jamison conceded that 701 sightings were not — or could not be — explained.

But a top-secret National Security Agency report written in 1968 tells a different story.

"The fact that UFO phenomena have been witnessed all over the world ... by consider-

able numbers of reputable scientists has indicated rather strongly that UFOs are not all hoaxes."

The report also carried a grim warning that disregarding a possible UFO threat could prove dangerous to the security of life on Planet Earth.

"If UFOs, contrary to all indications and expectations, are, indeed, hoaxes — hoaxes of worldwide dimension — hoaxes of increasing frequency, then a human mental aberration of alarming proportions would appear to be developing."

Top Secret U.S. Government Papers Reveal . . .

Stunning New Evidence of UFOs

Top secret government documents — just released under the Freedom of Information Act — provide startling new evidence that UFOs exist.

Sensational reports from the files of the Air Force, Defense Department and State Department reveal:

✓ UFOs landed at a top secret Air Force base in New Mexico in 1980 — and super-sophisticated radar systems at the base and a nearby airport were blacked out at virtually the same time.

✓ A huge UFO said to be 10 miles in diameter was sighted in Kuwait in 1980 — and in the same country a UFO completely shut down an oil field pumping system in 1978.

✓ Peruvian Air Force jets unsuccessfully tried to shoot down a UFO in June 1980.

"This startling evidence, direct from the U.S. government's own secret files, proves once and for all that the government knows a lot more about UFOs than they've been telling the public," declared UFO expert Dr. Bruce Maccabee, a U.S. Navy physicist and chairman of the Fund for UFO Research.

"We know of much other material on UFOs that the government simply refuses to release," he added.

These startling reports come from more than 2,000 pages of recently declassified government documents that were made available to The ENQUIRER from the Fund for UFO Research.

The most baffling of the close encounters was a series of startling UFO sightings in August 1980 at Kirtland Air Force Base in New Mexico. They were reported by the U.S. Air Force Office of Special Investigations.

On August 8, three security policemen on duty inside the Manzano Weapons Storage area at the base "sighted an unidentified light in the air that traveled from north to south over the Coyote Canyon area of the Department of Defense Restricted Test Range," the report said.

"The light landed in the Coyote Canyon area. Sometime later, the three witnessed the light take off straight up at a high speed and disappear."

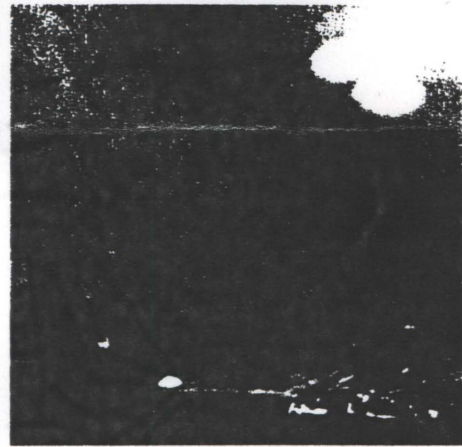
A half hour later, another security guard on a routine building check in the same area "observed a round disk-shaped object. He attempted to radio for a backup patrol but his radio would not work. As he approached the object on foot, armed with a shotgun, the object took off in a vertical direction at a high rate of speed."

Five days later, on August 13, the entire radar approach control systems and backup systems for Kirtland and the nearby Albuquerque Airport were mysteriously blacked out for more than five hours.

Even more puzzling, a "New Mexico state patrolman sighted an aerial object



EERIE SIGHTINGS: A photographer for Lima's La Prensa newspaper snapped three UFOs over a village in Peru (left) in 1968. And the four "lights" in the sky (right) were taken by a Coast Guard photographer in Salem, Mass., in 1952.



UFO EXPERT Dr. Bruce Maccabee, seen with the newly released documents, says the government has more material it refuses to release.

land" in the nearby Manzano Mountains that same day, the report said.

None of the military agen-

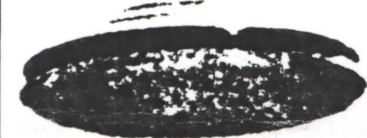
cies in the area were respon-

sible for the eerie blackout

— and none of them could

explain it.

Baffled Air Force investigators concluded that "the presence of hostile intelligence jamming can-



ATTACK: Peruvian Air Force jets unsuccessfully fired at a UFO in 1980, the documents reveal. (Photo inset is of a UFO that was spotted over Albuquerque in 1963.)

'Someone in the Government Knows Much More About UFOs Than They're Letting On'

not be ruled out" and the Defense Nuclear Agency said the "interference beam was widespread and a type unknown to their electronical equipment."

Lieut. Col. Ernest Edwards, Commander of the Manzano police squadron at the time of the sightings, told a reporter: "I really can't say for sure what it was. I could not explain it nor could I come up with any reasonable explanation."

The dramatic Kuwait UFO sightings are documented in top secret State Department cables. In one, a senior Kuwait Airways pilot reported an unusual "light phenomenon" on June 20, 1980.

The pilot claimed he and his crew saw "a huge ball of bright light" with an estimated diameter of 10 miles. Amazingly, the crew of a

nearby aircraft "reported sighting the same phenomenon," the cable said.

Other spectacular sightings were reported in November and December of 1978 when a UFO wreaked havoc with an oil company's pumping equipment north of Kuwait City.

The equipment is designed to shut down whenever a failure threatens to damage the system — and it must be restarted manually.

But at the time of the appearance of the "UFO," "the pumping system automatically shut itself down and when the 'UFO' vanished, the system started itself up again," according to another State Department cable.

Mysterious UFO sightings in Peru were reported in a June 1980 Defense Department cable that read: "A UFO was spotted on two different occasions near a Peruvian Air Force base in southern Peru. The air force tried to intercept and destroy the UFO, but without success."

UFO expert Stanton T. Friedman, who has testified before Congress on the subject of UFOs, told The ENQUIRER: "Aside from their startling revelations about UFOs, these documents are important because they show that someone in the government knows much more about UFOs than they are letting on."

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